

**COVID-19 in Alaska**

# **Revisions to Health Mandate 10**

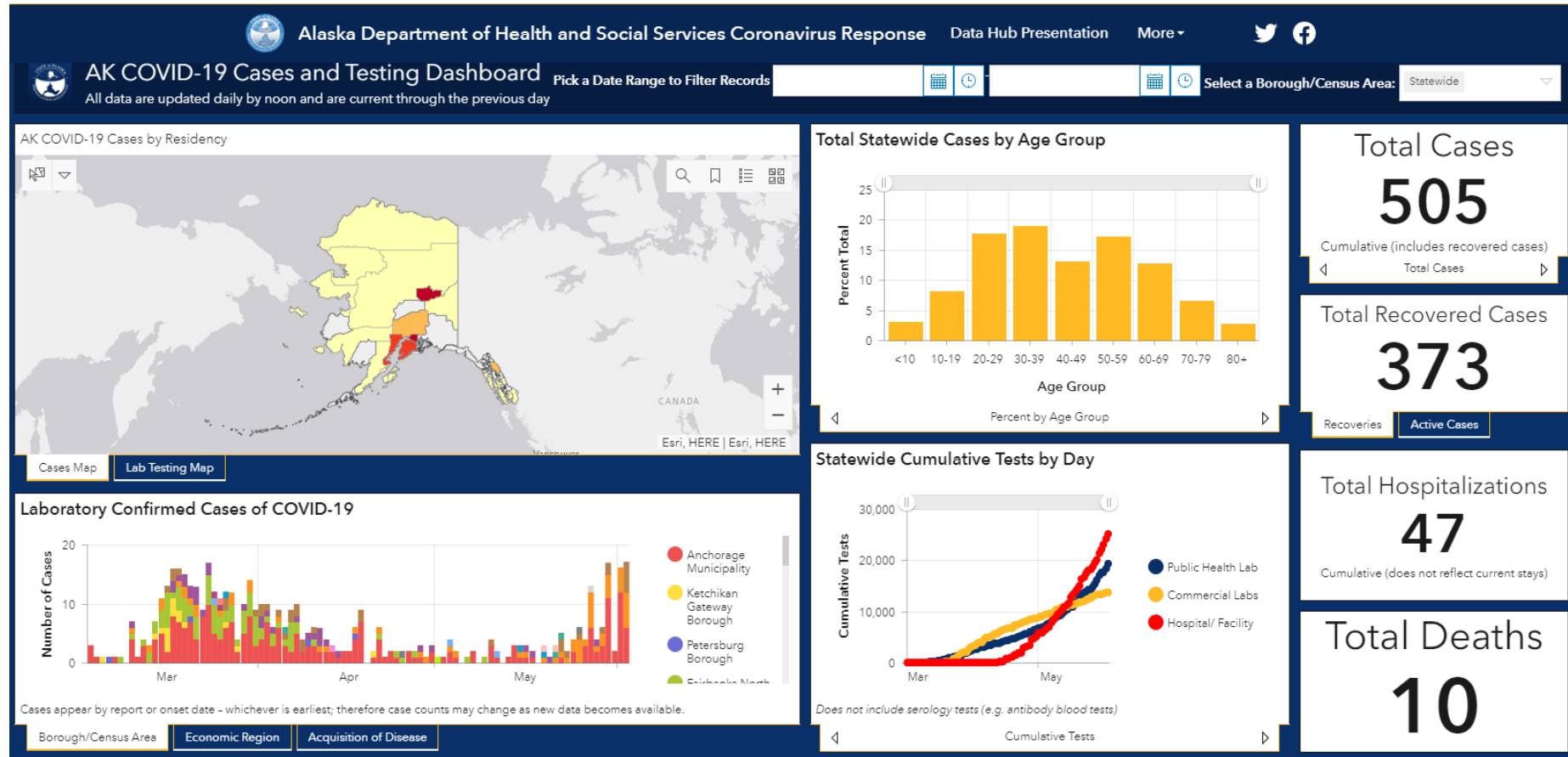
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# COVID-19 Dashboard: Reporting data from 6/2/2020

- 18 new cases (505 total)
- 1 new nonresident case (23 total)
- 2 additional recovered cases (373 total)
- No new additional deaths (10 total)
- No new hospitalizations (47 total)
- 58,183 cumulative tests
- 0.9% of tests were positive



# 1



## Before you go:

- Get tested (coming to AK)
- Limit exposure
- Know the local rules
- Plan your trip to minimize your interactions – fishing license, food pick-up, etc.
- Back up plans and insurance

# 2



## During travel and upon arrival:

- Use a mask
- Hand hygiene
- Declaration form
- Provide test results or get tested on arrival
- Educational material
- Receive voucher for repeat testing

# 3



## Watch the window

- Limit exposure – avoid any public indoor space for >10 min during the window
- Get repeat test 7-14 days after arrival
- If repeat test is negative, follow the same guidelines as the local community

# Travel and COVID-19

- Travel is:
  - One of four major ways that the COVID-19 outbreak could accelerate
  - Important to many businesses, families, Alaskans and non-residents
- Travel restrictions are important tools for states and countries to slow the spread of COVID-19 and keep cases down.
- The federal government still limits non-essential travel to the U.S. from certain areas.
- Canada still limits non-essential travel across the borders.





# Travel and COVID-19

- Traveling during a pandemic is not simple. There will be some degree of uncertainty. This is not a time to travel lightly, but it's important to permit travel and ensure it is as safe as possible.
- Travel is essential for Alaskans and the travel industry is an important part of our economy.
- The health and well-being of Alaskans is our top priority.



# The State Public Health Labs are Hiring!

**State public health labs in Anchorage and Fairbanks are seeking to fill the following non-permanent positions:**

- Administrative staff for entering patient demographics (names, dates of birth, etc.) into our database.
- Laboratory technicians for assisting with specimen handling, nucleic acid extractions, making media for virus transport, equipment maintenance, and inventory.
- Public Health Microbiologists, preferably certified as Med Tech or Clinical Laboratory Scientist, for performing COVID and other patient testing. Clinical experience with PCR and/or ELISA is preferred.

**All positions require a 1 year commitment (paid/with benefits). Applicants must demonstrate great attention to detail and handle flexible scheduling. HIPAA training will be provided upon hire.**

**These positions will be posted soon on Workplace Alaska.**



# Thank you, everyone - small sacrifices make a big difference



- Questions regarding DHSS COVID response, including mandates and alerts, can be sent to: [covidquestions@alaska.gov](mailto:covidquestions@alaska.gov).
- Questions regarding DHSS data can be sent to: [data.coronavirus@alaska.gov](mailto:data.coronavirus@alaska.gov)
- For general questions, contact 2-1-1 or 1-800-478-2221. Extended call center hours: 7 a.m. – 8 p.m., 7 days a week.